

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (currently amended) A motor-vehicle bumper assembly
2 comprising:

3 a horizontally and transversely extending rigid and
4 generally U-shaped rail having a transversely extending inner wall
5 closely juxtaposed in a normal motor-vehicle travel direction with
6 a frame of a motor vehicle, a transversely extending outer wall
7 turned away from the motor-vehicle frame and spaced farther there-
8 from than the inner wall, and a horizontal wall extending horizon-
9 tally between edges of the inner and outer walls; and

10 two crush cans spaced transversely apart and each having
11 a first U-section element extending in the di-
12 rection and having an inner end fixed to
13 the frame and an outer end fixed to the
14 inner rail wall, the first element lying
15 mainly between horizontal planes extending
16 in the travel direction from upper and
17 lower edges of the inner rail wall;

18 a second U-section element nested with and
19 mostly vertically offset from the respec-
20 tive first element and having an inner end
21 fixed to the frame and an outer end ex-
22 tending longitudinally past the inner rail
23 wall, the second element being mainly ver-

24 tically offset from a region between the
25 horizontal planes, and
26 an outer mounting plate fixed to the second-
27 element outer end and to the outer rail
28 wall.

1 2. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-
2 bly defined in claim 1 wherein the rail is formed by
3 a downwardly open upper U-profile having a pair of legs
4 forming the inner and outer walls and a bight joining the legs and
5 forming the horizontal wall and
6 another horizontal a lower profile fixed between the
7 legs.

1 3. (original) The motor-vehicle bumper assembly defined
2 in claim 2 wherein the lower profile is of U-section and downwardly
3 open.

1 4. (original) The motor-vehicle bumper assembly defined
2 in claim 1 wherein each of the mounting plates is provided with a
tow socket.

1 5. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-
2 bly defined in claim [[1]] 2 wherein the U-section profiles ele-
3 ments are ribbed.

4 6. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-
5 bly defined in claim 1 wherein the plates walls are each vertical.

1 7. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-
2 bly defined in claim 1 wherein the U-profiles U-section elements of
3 each can are open toward each other.

1 8. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-
2 bly defined in claim 1 wherein the first profile U-section element
3 of each can is below the respective second profile U-section
4 element.